

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Philadelphian Ill in Chicago—Nancy Wynne Tells About Reception for Enlisted Men—Comments on Various Things and People

DID you know that Louisa Davis McCall is very ill in Chicago? I am so sorry to hear it. You know she and her husband, Lieutenant Joseph B. McCall, Jr., were on their way home to Philadelphia to spend the Christmas holidays with their two families, the McCalls and Davises, when word came of their detention in Chicago, owing to Mrs. McCall's sudden illness. Mr. and Mrs. McCall, Sr., and Lenore left on Saturday for Chicago. I do hope the news will be better today.

THE Historical Society party on Saturday night was great, and Christmas being so near there was a special Christmas end to it. There was a huge Christmas tree in the great reception hall filled with gifts for the soldiers and sailors who attended. Miss Helen Morton had charge of the entertainment, assisted by Miss Myers and Miss Lydia Morris and Mrs. Charles Roberts presided at the coffee urns. The boys seem to love these parties. They go in large numbers. And it's fine to have something of the kind on Saturday evenings, because Saturday's always sort of a party night, don't you think so?

Mrs. Jim Starr, who is president of the Colonial Dames (she was Sarah Water, you know, a sister of Mrs. Stewart Wurts and Mrs. Edward Melg and daughter of the late John Wister), made an address of welcome to the men and other guests. Mrs. William Sproul, wife of the Governor-elect, and Mrs. Nathaniel Keay received the guests. There was a Liberty Sing, of course, led by Mr. Hoxie, who goes every week to these parties, and Miss Alene Van Barentzen gave several piano selections. Altogether it was one of the most successful parties of the season.

WHAT do you know about Alice Wharton coming into that young fortune through her aunt's will? Miss Alice Taylor, for whom she was named, died about two weeks ago, on the very day Alice was to have spoken at the Independence Square Red Cross Auxiliary. Miss Taylor had inherited a large fortune from her brother, Mr. Benjamin Taylor, who died on the 18th of September, and she left most of the fortune to her two nieces, Mrs. John Wilcox and Mrs. Houston Dunn—about a million each, so the gossips say. Alice Wharton, who is Mrs. Wilcox's daughter by her first marriage to Bromley Wharton, inherits fifty thousand. That's a tidy little sum for a girl of Alice's age. I would not mind having had it—nor having it now, for that matter, would you? There are so many things I could do with that little principal. Alice was to go back to France for Christmas, but I understand they are not sending any more over just at present. And those who are to go for the Y. M. C. A. will probably be sent to Russia, the Balkans or Siberia. Not so romantic as France, is it? Not so good; not so good.

HOW awfully well Mrs. Howdy Henry is looking! I saw her the other day in a Walnut street car. She had on such a stunning fur coat and wide collar and a small toque with blue-green breasts on it. She is so dainty. All the Fells are—Minnie and May and Frances. Minnie is Mrs. Bobbie Cassatt and Frances is Mrs. Antelo Devereux.

JOHNNY is not an incorrigible child, but he is absent-minded, and he's very apt to forget what's going on when you start to scold him, and begin thinking about the merry adventures of Robin Hood, or just wonder why two and three make five when three and four don't make six. And in school, when he has the privilege of sitting in the big study hall to study his history the next day, he finds it much more interesting to sit in a front seat so that he can overhear the lessons in physiology which are being given in low tones to one of two students who are behind in their work. The fact that his head is all made of bone means little more to him than the fact that on a vague date in a vague year some man in queer clothes signed a treaty or something with some Indians under a tree and they gave him beads for it, or something like that.

One day last week he forgot about the possibility of Santa Claus and disobeyed mother terribly. Of course, he was taken into her room and given a long, quiet, but firm talk on obedience. He watched her face intently while she talked, and she thought that for once she had made an impression. When she stopped for breath Johnny snapped his eyes in an interested way and started to discourse. "Mother, did you know that when you talk you only move your lower jaw? The upper one can't move at all." NANCY WYNNE.

Social Activities
Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Grove, of 355 Ralston street, will give a Christmas Eve dinner on Christmas Eve.
Dr. and Mrs. J. Murray Ellzey, of 106 Highland avenue, Chestnut Hill, will give a dinner before Miss Lockwood's dancing class on January 3. There will be eighteen guests.
Among those who will entertain for the younger set this evening are Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Clark, of Cynwyd, who will give a dinner for their daughter, Miss Miriam Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison, Jr., of 243 East Rittenhouse square, who will give a dinner in honor of their daughter, Miss Helen W. Harrison; and Miss Augusta W. Harrison, before the dance in Cynwyd; and Mr. and Mrs. John K. Strubing, of Chestnut Hill, who will give a small dance for their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Strubing.

Miss Marian Button, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Priestly Button, of West Upper Merion, Germantown, has returned from Cape May, where she has been doing canvas work and has been taking part in the Red Cross drive. Mr. and Mrs. Button have returned from several weeks' stay in Atlantic City and will give a family Christmas dinner on Wednesday.
The Woman's Land Army of America will hold its annual meeting on January 14, 1919, in this city. The Federal Government has requested this organization to augment its activities during the coming year, as it is to be incorporated under the Department of Labor.
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander L. Field, of Cleveland, O., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Field's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Field, at Hamilton Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Gegenheimer, 2335 North Seventeenth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gegenheimer, and Lieutenant Frank C. Lewis, United States army, Lieutenant Hamilton has recently returned from overseas service.
Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace Toifor, 3024 Diamond street, will leave for Washington tomorrow to be the guests of Mrs. James Sharp, Highland avenue, Cleveland Park, D. C. Mrs. Toifor was formerly Miss Mabel R. Virginia Wilson and was married at the home of Mrs. Sharp last April.
An interesting wedding of last week was that of Miss Selma A. Geesler, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Geesler, of 430 North Thirty-fourth street, and Mr. James T. Moore, of Thirty-sixth and Chestnut streets, which took place on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, with the Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Thirty-sixth and Rising streets, officiating. The bridesmaid was Miss Marjorie S. Steteman, of Toledo, O., and the best man was Mr. Henry Rittenhouse Shellenberger. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home after February 1 at 430 North Thirty-fourth street.

A wedding of interest will be that of Miss Alice Katherine Gilbert and Mr. Marcellus H. M. Gaudin, United States marine corps, which will take place at 5 o'clock on Tuesday, December 31, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. William E. Nicholson, of Bala. The ceremony and reception will always be attended by the two families and a few intimate friends.
The engagement of Miss Mary J. Latta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Latta, of St. Martin's, to Captain Dozier Finley, of Berkeley, Cal., was announced yesterday. Captain Finley was connected with the Frankford Arsenal.
TO EXHIBIT CAPITAL ART HERE
Two Paintings by Miss Violet Oakley for Senate to Be Shown
The two paintings which will complete Miss Violet Oakley's commission to decorate the State Senate chamber have been finished and will be placed in the Capitol early in the new year.
They will be exhibited for a week at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in this city before being sent to Harrisburg. The paintings represent the activities against the slave trade and the faith which marked the living of the Society of Friends among the Indians.

Dr. Alvin Struce, formerly a well-known Philadelphia practitioner, died Thursday of pneumonia, succeeding an attack of influenza, in Guatemala, where he had been doing research work for the Rockefeller Institute since 1916. News of his death was cabled to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Struce, of 449 Hermitage street, Roxborough, yesterday.
Doctor Struce graduated from Central High School, where he won a scholarship in Jefferson Medical College. He finished his course in medicine in 1914 and shortly afterward became resident physician at the Episcopial Hospital. Later he went to the Abington Memorial Hospital in the same capacity.
The body, accompanied by Doctor Struce's widow, is en route to Philadelphia. A cablegram of condolence from the President of Guatemala was received by the doctor's parents yesterday.
Alexander P. Brown
Alexander Patterson Brown, a wealthy retired Philadelphia shoe manufacturer, died suddenly on Saturday in Daytona, Fla. He left this city about two weeks ago on a tour to Florida and Cuba. He had spent several days at Jacksonville and had proceeded south as far as Daytona, where he was fatally stricken. Mr. Brown had been in poor health several years. He was a bachelor. Mrs. Isabella Brown, of 3937 Locust street, widow of William Brown, was his sister, and William Alexander Brown, an attorney of the same address, is a nephew. Mr. Brown in late years lived at the Hotel Walton.
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Robert E. Gamble
Robert E. Gamble, a widely known real estate broker, of the firm of Paul J. Halliwell & Co., 1504 Brown street, where he was killed on Saturday. He was a member of Apollo Lodge of Masons, Corinthian Chaseur Commandery, Knights Templar; Lu Lu Temple, the Royal Society of the Sons of the Sea, and the Philadelphia branch of the Worthington Pump Company.
Roger Sherman Mitchell
Roger Sherman Mitchell died on Friday at his home in St. David's after an illness of several months. He was a son of Dr. Henry R. Mitchell, of Ambury Park and St. David's, former secretary of the New Jersey State Board of Health, and was direct descendant of Roger Sherman, of Connecticut, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.
Mr. Mitchell, who was forty years old, was graduated in 1901 from Princeton University, where he was a member of the Cottage Club. He was a member of the Princeton Club and the Manufacturers' Club. Besides his education he was aided by his father, who was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and by a son and daughter. He was connected with the Philadelphia branch of the Worthington Pump Company.
Mrs. Marie Agnes Shaw
Mrs. Marie Agnes Shaw, wife of James L. Shaw, a well-known political worker of the Forty-sixth ward, died on Saturday at the University Hospital of pneumonia, after a brief illness. Mrs. Shaw was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Fadin. She is survived by her husband and three children. Mr. Shaw was for many years connected with the Department of Supplies, and is a nephew of Sigfried Behrens, the late assistant municipal director. Mrs. Shaw lived at 6417 Christian street.
Frank A. Cook
Frank A. Cook died yesterday at his home, 115 North Sixteenth street, of a week's illness of bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Cook, who was twenty-eight years old, recently returned from Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., where he had been in the service three months or more.
He was in the employ of W. G. Davidson & Co., Inc., wool merchants, 52 South Front street. He is survived by his wife, Miss Helen M. Cook, daughter of John McGillin, a wealthy brewer and distiller who died in June, 1916. His mother and a brother, who is in the service in France, also survive Mr. Cook.

Barclay R. Leeds
Barclay R. Leeds, a member of the Society of Friends, died on Friday at his home, 3221 Baynton street, Germantown, after an illness of a few days. He was in his eighty-fifth year. Four years ago, Mr. Leeds retired after nearly half a century's service as an accountant with Powers & Weightman and that firm's successor, Powers-Weightman-Rosenblatt Company, chemist, at the Falls of the Schuylkill plant. He was a native of New Jersey but spent most of his life in this city. He is survived by two sons, Morris E. Leeds and Arthur M. Leeds.
Until further notice Dresdenland Advertisements will be printed on this Edition.

WALTER HINES PAGE, EX-AMBASSADOR, DIES

Onetime Envoy to London, Scholar and Editor, Succumbs to Year's Illness

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 23. Walter Hines Page, formerly ambassador to Great Britain, died in this Saturday night after an illness of many weeks. Doctor Page's health began to fail nearly a year ago and he gave up his post as American representative at the Court of St. James late in the summer.
Doctor Page returned to the United States on October 12 and was taken directly from the steamship to a hospital in New York. For a time his condition showed improvement, but late in November he suffered a relapse. Early this month he rallied and ten days ago was brought to Pinehurst. For a while he seemed to grow stronger, but suffered a second relapse last Thursday.
Most of the members of Doctor Page's family were with him when death came. They included Mrs. Page; his daughter, Mrs. Charles G. Loring, of Boston; his son, Ralph W. Page; his brothers, Henry A. Page, Junius R. Page and former Representative Robert N. Page. Major Frank C. Page, who accompanied his father home from England, arrived Sunday morning. Another son, Captain Arthur W. Page, is now serving in England.
Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it was announced that services would be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the Page Memorial Church in Aberdeen, N. C.
Walter Hines Page was editor of the magazine the World's Work and a member of the publishing firm of Doubleday, Page & Co., of Garden City, L. I., when, in March, 1913, President Wilson appointed him American ambassador to Great Britain.
Virtually all Mr. Page's life before his ambassadorial appointment had been spent in literary work. He was the author of works on the development of the southern portion of the United States, in which he was particularly interested as a native of Cary, N. C., where he was born August 15, 1852.
In his work on the "Upbuilding of Old Commonwealths," Mr. Page disclosed his interest in the culture and the national feeling in the South. He was interested in the moral and political education of the negro and formerly was a member of the Bohemian, told stories of American heroism to the Hookworm, to which John D. Rockefeller contributed. For years Mr. Page was a close student of finance. Commissioned as an expert in the study of the financial conditions of the United States and investigate the work done in the public schools, Mr. Page wrote a series of articles which were influential in causing the reorganization of school systems in several large cities.

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Isaac F. Marcossion Credits American General's Insistence on Unified Command

Despite the fact that Marshal Foch is getting the lion's share of credit for winning the great military victory of the Allied armies, the man who made that victory possible by insisting upon a unity of command is "our own Pershing."
This fact is emphasized strongly by Isaac F. Marcossion, journalist and war correspondent, who has just returned from France.
Mr. Marcossion spoke on Saturday night at the annual dinner of the New England Society of Pennsylvania and before a company of more than 300 diners drew aside the curtains on the European stage. He discussed the Bohemian, told stories of American heroism on the field of battle, praised General Pershing and sounded a note of warning against the use of "soft words" for Germany.
The tragedy of the war, he said, was that the Germans have not been beaten badly enough. Those armies of occupation should be armies of conquest. We should be using the big stick instead of the soft and humane word.

Typical New England Affair
The dinner was a typical New England affair and from the time Cyrus H. K. Curtis, president of the organization, opened the festival as dayton, where he was fatally stricken. Mr. Brown had been in poor health several years. He was a bachelor. Mrs. Isabella Brown, of 3937 Locust street, widow of William Brown, was his sister, and William Alexander Brown, an attorney of the same address, is a nephew. Mr. Brown in late years lived at the Hotel Walton.
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Urges Immigration Censorship
Mr. Marcossion, fresh from troubled Europe, detailed the problems of the older nations and voiced his opinion concerning a few of America's present-day quest problems. He said:
"No obligation we owe civilization and permanent peace is greater than a censorship of immigration. Henceforth we must combat that indiscriminate tide of illicit humanity that has beaten on our shores for forty years. The melting pot must become the straining pot. Henceforth we must curtail that abuse of citizenship and national hospitality which made the long and costly riot of sabotage and anarchy possible.
After all means that we have a treaty of peace with France that will put Germany in his place and keep him there. It must have economic restrictions as well as territorial exactions. It must not be a peace of convenience but a peace of justice to the world almost before we realize it."

America's Debt of Gratitude
The Rev. W. Warren Giles, pastor of the First Reformed Church, East Orange, N. J., urged patience with Russia, and after discussing the sacrifices of Belgium, England, France and Italy, struck a popular chord in the minds of his hearers by saying that America must not forget its debt of gratitude to the peoples of those countries.
He was telling how the British fleet guarded the American coast, Doctor Giles said: "We talk about the freedom of the seas. Were not the seas free before the war, and are they free today and do you not want to keep them free? Nothing would please Germany better than the destruction of the British fleet. Stand by Britain and pay your debt, for it is that Britain's welfare of the seas shall not be interfered with."

Jefferson Medical College Man Accepts Offer
Dr. A. G. Ellis, associate professor of pathology in Jefferson Medical College, will go to Siam to organize the department of pathology in the Royal Medical College in Bangkok.

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Doctor Ellis, who is president of the Pathological Society of Philadelphia, is one of the most prominent pathologists in the country. He was invited to Siam shortly before this country entered the war, but decided to withhold his acceptance because of the serious depletion of the medical faculty due to their service overseas.
Doctor Ellis is a prominent member of the Medical Club of Philadelphia, the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists and of other similar societies. He will be accompanied to Siam by Mrs. Ellis, who was in charge of the first Red Cross nurses sent out during the Spanish-American War and had supervision of the typhoid cases at Camp Meade.

Poor Richards at Feast
Christmas Joy Reigns at Clubhouse at Noon Today
Christmas joy reigned unrestrained in the clubhouse of the Poor Richard Club at noon today on the occasion of their annual Christmas dinner.
All formality was discarded and the time was allotted to informal entertainment by home talent, assisted by a "jazz" orchestra and a symphony quartet.
At the plate of each member were a variety of gifts ranging from pocket memorandum books to liniment for sore joints, good and bad, and a host of other useful and decorative things. There were no speeches, digressive or to relieve possible distress after devouring the plentiful dinner, paper towels, cigars, tobacco, cigarette papers to "roll your own," and dough drops to relieve the heartiness acquired from cheese and jerking the "home" talent.

France Honors Dr. Abbott
Philadelphian, Serving With Jefferson Hospital Unit, Decorated
Dr. Frank C. Abbott, of the Jefferson Hospital staff, who went abroad with that unit at the outset of the war, has been decorated by France. Word of the honor bestowed on the physician has just been received. He lives at 4652 Hazel avenue.
For many months Doctor Abbott served with the American troops at the firing line, and with shells dropping around him aided in saving the lives of many who were badly wounded.
Doctor Abbott served as a surgeon about three years. He was connected with the French army before the United States entered the war. In the course of his arduous work he performed many difficult operations and was frequently commended by the officers of the American and French forces.

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Many Other Soldiers Compelled to "Leave Behind" French Sweethearts

Nothing doing on bringing your pretty little French sweetheart home to mother in the U. S. A.
At least so writes Private Lester Edelstein, infantry division, a member of Company 5, Fifth Regiment of Marines.
He tells his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Edelstein, 3216 West Dauphin street, in a Christmas letter that he met a French girl the hour he landed on foreign soil and would like very much, indeed, to bring her along home.
But alas for the course of true love! Lots of other Americans have French sweethearts they would like to transform into American wives and have asked their commanding officers' permission to bring the "ma'amelles" along home with their other trophies of the war.
It seems that Mars and Cupid have not yet signed the armistice, however, for permission in each case has been refused. The young marine wrote his father November 23. He said he remembered it was "Father's Day," and he was not going to forget "dad" on that occasion. He was blind for five days from the effects of gas.
In his letter home he said: "I am out of the hospital, but still have some gas in my system. The gas is certainly dangerous stuff. It burns the stomach out of you. When I got it I thought sure I was a goner. The doctors told me I was brought to the hospital in the nick of time or I would have now been a dead hero. I received my Croix de Guerre, and the marines who were at Chateau-Thierry and stopped the Germans from getting Paris are not wearing the Legion of Honor on their arms. It is the highest insignia in the French army."
"I certainly did have many narrow escapes, and if I had to go through it again I would not give two cents for my life. I did not worry about dying, as all my comrades are now buried, and I did not want to get twenty of the Germans before I fell. The marines are clever men. The way they cleaned up at Cantigny was great."
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The engagement was announced by Miss Sharpless's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson Sharpless, more than a year ago, when Major Pearson was here on furlough.

The bride-to-be is connected with several of Philadelphia's oldest families. Her mother, prior to marriage, was Miss Susan D. Dixon, and Mrs. Russell Thayer, Mrs. Arthur E. Newbold and Mrs. Percy Keating are her aunts. Mrs. Sharpless is a sister of A. J. Dallas Dixon, George Dallas Dixon and Thomas J. Dixon, and Fitz-Eugene Dixon, who married Eleanor Widener, is a first cousin.

Captain Russell Thayer, Captain Edmund Thayer and Lieutenant Alexander Thayer, of the American Expeditionary Force, are first cousins of Miss Sharpless, who is better known in local society as Mollie.

She has been prominently identified with war activities during the last several years as a member of the Emergency Committee of Philadelphia and the American Red Cross.

Major Pearson enlisted October, 1914, and is a veteran of four years of warfare with the British army, during which he was first mentioned himself for bravery and coolness under fire. He came to this city from England twelve years before the war started and affiliated himself with the brokerage firm of Morris & Co.

In pre-war days Major Pearson lived in Fifteenth street near Locust and was a member of the Markham Club and other exclusive organizations.

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